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SUBJECT: ANGOLA SITREP: CABINDA REMAINS CALM, SAN ANTONIA

AIRPORT CLOSED AFTER FNLA ATTACKS AND APPARENTLY DEFEATS MPLA;

NEW FIGHTING NORTH OF LUANDA; LUANDA'S WATER SUPPLY REPORTED

ENDANGERED.

1. CABINDA GULF'S CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (O R ER MEYER)

RADIOED US THE FOLLOWING REPORT FROM GULF'S CAMP AT MALONGO

NORTH OF CABINDA CITY:

A. CABINDA IS STILL CALM, GULF IS OPERATING MORE OR LESS NORMALLY.

OF THE 350 PEOPLE EVACUATED FROM CABINDA CITY LAST WEEK, 150-180

HAVE RETURNED TO CABINDA AND THE REMAINDER HAVE BEEN FLOWN TO

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LUANDA. (THOSE BROUGHT TO LUANDA WERE MOSTLY ANGOLAN AND

PORTUGUESE DEPENDENTS OF GULF EMPLOYEES.)

B. SAN ANTONIO DO ZAIRE (SA'ZAIRE) IS ISOLATED, ITS AIRPORT CLOSED. FNLA ATTACKED MPLA IN SA'ZAIRE EARLY AM OF JUNE 8 AND SEEMS TO HAVE WON. (GULF'S INFORMATION ON SA'ZAIRE DUPLICATES THAT RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES.)

C. GULF HAS BEEN ASSURED BY PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES IN CABINDA THAT PORTUGUESE TROOPS WILL PROTECT MALONGO IF NECESSARY. (THE PORTUGUESE NAVY CORVETTE IS OFF THE CABINDA COAST.)

D. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL RETURNING TO CABINDA CITY REPORT WIDE-SPREAD LOOTING DURING THE FIGHT FOR THE CITY.

E. GULF'S COMMUNICATION FACILITY AT CACUACO (9 MILES NORTH OF LUANDA) IS IN SOME DANGER FROM THE HEAVY FIGHTING THAT BEGAN THERE AT NOON TODAY (JUNE 9).

2. THE FIGHT AT CACUACO MAY BE A MAJOR BATTLE. WE HAVE ONE TELEPHONE REPORT FROM SOUTH OF CACUACO THAT THERE IS LIBERAL USE OF HEAVIER WEAPONRY THERE.

3. GULF AND OTHERS HAVE HEARD THAT AIRLINE OFFICIALS IN JO'BURG ARE REPORTING THAT LUANDA AIRPORT IS CLOSED. IT ISN'T AS OF 1500Z JUNE 9.

4. THE HIGH COMMISSIONERS OFFICE HAS PASSED THE WORD THAT THE AQUADUCT WHICH BRINGS WATER INTO THE CITY FROM THE NORTH HAS BEEN DAMAGED AND WATER MAY BE CUT OFF.

5. AS REPORTED IN OUR 729 FIGHTING IN LUANDA HAS STOPPED.
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